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For : PLASTIC SHEET WITH BENDING RULED LINE, AND RULED
LINE BLADE FOR PLASTIC SHEET

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants note the International Search Report that was mailed on June 17, 2003, a copy of which was submitted with the application as filed along with an English translation thereof, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/02695, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-293777, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-39661, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-10753, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-23835, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-62909, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-201231, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-62942, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-158562, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-100015, together with an English language abstract and translation of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner are set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. HEI 4-9345. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application; and

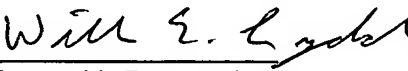
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-193450, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 26 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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